panel and the second door panel, respectively, having a first closed position and a second closed position relative to the doorway;

a main drive mechanism providing power for driving the first door panel from the first opened position to the first closed position; and

an auxiliary drive mechanism, powered by the power provided by the main drive mechanism to provide coupled movement of the first and second panels during a first portion of the movement of the second door panel from the second opened position to the second closed position, wherein the movement of the second door panel is uncoupled from the movement of the first door panel during a second portion of the movement of the second door panel from the second opened position to the second closed position.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending and at issue. Claims 14-16, 20 and 21 have been allowed. Claims 1-13 and 18 stand rejected under a non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection based on the parent case, now U.S. Patent 6,352,097, in combination with a patent to Allen. Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, but has been confirmed as reciting allowable subject matter if amended to overcome this rejection. There is a single prior art rejection, a rejection of claim 19 based upon Hale et al. (U.S. Patent 843,011) in combination with Carlson et al. (U.S. Patent 4,957,600).

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's attention to this case and the favorable indication on the majority of the claims. The Applicants have carefully considered the rejections within the office action and traverse based of the following remarks.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1-13 and 18 under the obviousness-type double patenting rejecting, a terminal disclaimer is being contemporaneously filed herewith. The terminal disclaimer nullifies the rejections. Claims 1-13 and 18 are in condition for allowance and an expedited indication of the same is appreciated.

Turning to claim 17, that claim has been amended to clarify the recited claim language. The rejection is traversed, in light of the amendment.